

Missouri Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2001
11am-4pm
Truman Building, Room 494
Jefferson City, MO

Attendees:

Mike Murray, USA Cycling, Inc.
Martin Pion, Lab/Conservation
Willard Worts, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Mike Right, AAA
Bob Kirkman, Jackson County Wheelmen
Angela Herman, Department of Health and Senior Services
Lee Orth, Branson Chamber Soft Adventure Committee
Lisa Goorjian, Department of Natural Resources/ State Parks
Arnold J. Meysenburg, Conservation Federation
Tom Netzer, Ozark Greenways
Terry Whaley, Springfield MPO
Steve McLuckie
David Bedan, Audubon Missouri
Aaron Bartlett, MARC
Dale Brigham, Columbia Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health
Jackie Allen, Missouri Division of Highway Safety
Joan Bray, Missouri House of Representatives
Larry Welty, MoDOT District 6
Ivie Wills, MoDOT

- I. INTRODUCTIONS were made. Mike Murray mentioned that the committee was comprised of representatives from state and local governments and bike/ped advocates. Martin Pion suggested a revision of part of the last meeting's minutes. Section VII should read as follows: "Martin Pion reported on the Street Smarts/Missouri Bicycle Driver's Manual program. The bike/ped program was able to get 19,000 copies of the Street Smarts booklet at no charge for distribution. This booklet is probably the best concise guide to vehicular cycling practice available. Martin said it was intended that 1,000 copies should be distributed to the public so that feedback can be gained on the effectiveness of this program. Business reply cards will be included in the booklet." Terry Whaley asked that the sentence in Section VI be changed to "The past weekend was Natural Trails Day and Ozark Greenways in Springfield was able to close the gap between two sections of trail that have been in existence for several years", and transferred to Section V. Several members suggested that they would like to see

- follow-up on some USDOT issues, the Long Range Transportation Plan, and various timelines for activities. It was moved by Arnold Meysenburg and seconded by Mike Murray that the minutes be approved as amended. Mike Murray mentioned that he was drafting a memo regarding some new safety laws and their impact on funding.
- II. BIKE/PED PROGRAM- Larry Welty, MoDOT District 6 and acting bike/ped coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the bike/ped facilities policy guidance in the St. Louis Metro districts. Discussion about sidewalks, funding, methods of improvement, and mid-block crossings ensued. Requests were made to Larry to distribute this presentation to other members of the committee for use in their organizations and areas. Larry also mentioned that any direct correspondence to him should be sent to the District 6 MoDOT office or can be sent to the Jefferson City address and then it would be forwarded to him.
 - III. Larry Welty continued to field questions during the lunch break.
 - IV. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE- Todd Ashby from MoDOT Transportation Planning gave an update on the LRTP. It is anticipated that the plan will gain approval by next month and will then be distributed. The Street Smarts guide discussed at the last meeting has been taken to the printer to have Business Reply cards inserted in them along with a copy of the Missouri State Statutes regarding bicycling. These should be ready for distribution within 1-2 weeks. Todd also discussed the Mississippi River Trail route. Districts 8 and 6, in conjunction with General Headquarters, has produced a map of the trail. A sample copy was passed amongst the members. Copies for distribution should be available after the next Commission meeting. Aaron Bartlett briefly discussed MARC's LRTP and their plans for updates and inclusion of a bike/ped element.
 - V. UPDATE ON TASK FORCES-
 - a. On August 22 a letter was finalized from Kyle Kittrell discussing bike/ped issues. On Thursday, September 27, 2001 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the MRT trail. Anyone who wants to attend should let Mike Murray know so that he can get an invitation. Larry Welty discussed the objectives of each of the bike/ped teams. The inventory team has been conducting some research on road shoulders and their conditions and how they support or inhibit cycling. The routes team is currently working on aspects of the Mississippi River Trail. The standards team is looking at creating a set of standards for bike/ped issues.
 - b. Joan Bray discussed issues current in the legislature. Cut backs are affecting transportation and therefore affecting various bike/ped issues as well. The urban/rural split was also discussed.
 - c. Terry Whaley requested that Larry Welty distribute his presentation given earlier so that various organizations can use this and Larry will not have to travel so much.
 - d. Martin Pion discussed some strong points regarding tougher laws and penalties imposed on drivers who injure bicyclists or pedestrians.
 - VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING/NEW DIRECTION- Jim Dickson from the Missouri Department of Transportation was asked by Dennis Scott, previous bike/ped coordinator, to facilitate a strategic planning effort for the group. He gave a

brainstorming demonstration and asked the members for strengths and weaknesses of the committee so that they can improve weaknesses and build on strengths. Opportunities and threats were also discussed. Jim then asked for a 5-6 member subcommittee to help him with various strategic planning efforts. The following people volunteered their time for the subcommittee:

1. Mike Murray
2. Angela Herman
3. Dale Brigham
4. Terry Whaley
5. Tom Netzer
6. Lisa Goorjian
7. Willard Worts
8. Aaron Bartlett

Lee Orth suggested that the committee come up with a 4 or 5 word statement that described their vision.

- VII. STREET SMARTS- Martin Pion discussed the Street Smarts booklets and used an illustration in the booklet pertaining to roundabouts as an example of the usefulness of the booklets. Business Reply cards are being inserted into these booklets and upon distribution, the hope is that the recipients will offer feedback to the committee about the effectiveness of the booklets. The committee then brainstormed a distribution list. Some questions arose about some of the language in Street Smarts. Discussion ensued.
- VIII. RUMBLE STRIPS- Larry Welty reported on the present situation with rumble strips. As of now, there are no standards for these strips, but the FHWA is researching. The committee suggested that road shoulders maintain at least 4 feet of space without rumble strips
- IX. MPO REPORTS- Aaron Bartlett from the Mid-America Regional Council reported that their LRTP has helped to complete 70 miles of trails in the area and is currently working on another 70 miles, with 300 miles remaining. MARC is attempting to put together a citizen's advocacy group that will help to support bike/ped issues. Work is being done to complete the portion of the Katy Trail from Windsor to Pleasant Hill. There is also a promotional campaign in place to promote bike/ped activity and safety/training. Terry Whaley reported on the Springfield MPO. Springfield currently has a ¼ cent sales tax initiative that will create revenue for parks and recreation. This will help complete another 100 miles of trail. Much support was raised during a recent "Bike to Work Week" when everyone was encouraged to leave their cars at home and bike to work. Terry said that there was a lot of participation. Mike Murray reported on activities at East-West Gateway Coordinating Council/St. Louis. There was a short discussion on the TIP program in St. Louis. Jackie Allen mentioned that the Missouri Division of Highway Safety had asked the Governor to declare October Pedestrian Safety Month. Encouragement and appreciation was then expressed to Larry Welty for the amount of work he has put into the bike/ped program since becoming interim bike/ped coordinator.
- X. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is set for December 4, 2001.